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(57) Abstract The present invention relates to novel compounds comprising a steroid hormone linked to a DNA-interacting molecule that target nucleic acids to the cell nucleus. Further, the invention relates to a method for introducing nucleic acids into the nucleus of cells with the help of such compounds. Pharmaceutical preparations containing such compounds and the use of such compounds for gene therapy are also provided.			